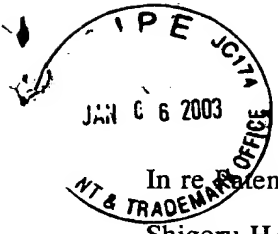


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German Offenlegungsschrift No. 197 02 420. An English-language abstract of this document is attached for the Examiner's convenience.

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